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## City of Columbia Press Releases

June 1-30, 2015

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Friday, May 29, 2015

Contact: Erika D. Moore @ 803-545-3043

**City Council Work Session, Council Meeting and  
Committee Meeting Agendas**

The Columbia City Council agendas are attached for the following meetings:

- Work Session - Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 1 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 6 p.m.
- Business License Ad Hoc Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 11 a.m.

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Monday, June 01, 2015

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### **The First Tee of Columbia Summer Golf Sessions for Children**

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Coaches will introduce participants to the game of golf through The First Tee curriculum. Coaches will teach participants golf skills, the rules of the game and etiquette while reinforcing The Nine Core Values such as Sportsmanship, Honesty and Responsibility.

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**FEE:** \$20 per child

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The maximum fee for families with two or more children participating is \$100.

The clinic is open to all skill levels. No equipment is needed. Financial scholarships are available for those who qualify.

**The deadline to register is Friday, June 5, 2015.** Registration is accepted online at [www.TheFirstTeeColumbia.org](http://www.TheFirstTeeColumbia.org) or in person at the James E. Clyburn Golf Center.

For more information, please contact the James E. Clyburn Golf Center at 803-255-8920 or visit [www.TheFirstTeeColumbia.org](http://www.TheFirstTeeColumbia.org).

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Contact: Marli Drum at 803-776-PETS

**The City's Pet of the Week: Astrid! (ID# A213494)**

Astrid is a two-year-old German Shepherd mix. She is a little shy but once she warms up to you, you're her friend for a lifetime! Astrid is also spayed and microchipped.

Visit Astrid and other pets available for adoption at the Columbia Animal Shelter, 127 Humane Lane. Visit [www.columbiasc.net/animal-services](http://www.columbiasc.net/animal-services) or call 803-776-PETS for more information.

All of our pets need loving homes! To view other animals available for adoption, visit [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com). Please refer to the ID number listed above when visiting the website.

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### **Columbia Tennis Center Offers Summer Camp**

The Columbia Tennis Center located at 1635 Whaley Street, is hosting a summer Tennis Camp for children ages 7-14. The camp will focus on stroke production and techniques, drills, match competition and more.

The camp will be held on the following dates from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.:

- June 8-12
- June 22-26
- July 6-10
- July 20-24

The cost of the camp is \$55 per week. Make checks payable to the Columbia Tennis Center.

Applications are available at the Columbia Tennis Center. Registrations will be taken until the first day of camp.

For more information, please call the tennis center at 803-733-8440 or email [Jnmuse@columbiasc.net](mailto:Jnmuse@columbiasc.net).

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### **Free Summer Concert Series Returns to Finlay Park**

The City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's free Summer Concert Series will kick off on Saturday, June 6 in Finlay Park located at 930 Laurel Street.

The Summer Concert Series will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. on the following dates:

- June 6: Dante Lewis featuring Kevin Whalum
- June 20: The Palmetto Latin Orchestra
- June 27: The 246<sup>th</sup> Army Band (South Carolina Army National Guard)
- July 4: The Original Tams (Capital City Beach Party)
- July 18: Glenn Jones
- August 1: LTD
- August 15: Midnight Star

All concerts are free and open to the public.

Attendees are welcome to bring blankets and lawn chairs. No pets, coolers or tents allowed. Vendors will be available.

For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 803-545-3100.

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**Summer Movies Series Begins June 5<sup>th</sup>**

The City of Columbia's Summer Movies Series returns to Riverfront Park beginning Friday, June 5, 2015.

Movies will be held on Friday nights during June and July.

The following movies are free and open to the public:

- June 5: SpongeBob: Out of Water
- June 12: Penguins of Madagascar
- June 19: How to Train Your Dragon 2
- June 26: Mr. Peabody & Sherman
- July 3: Home
- July 10: The Book of Life
- July 17: Rio 2
- July 24: Ferngully: The Last Rainforest
- July 31: The Croods

There will be face painting, games and more fun prior to the start of the film at 7 p.m. Face painting will be available for a nominal fee.

Attendees can bring blankets, lawn chairs and coolers. No glass containers, tents and alcoholic beverages allowed.

For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 803-545-3100.

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Wednesday, June 03, 2015

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### **Prime Time in the Parks Provides Recreational Activities for Teens**

Prime Time in the Parks, a late-night teen program that provides a fun and safe environment for Columbia's youth, begins Friday, June 12, the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department announced.

The program is free to youth ages 13-18 years old. Prime Time in the Parks features games, sports, music, refreshments and more!

Events are held on the following dates from 8-11 p.m.:

- **Friday, June 12**
  - Hyatt Park, 950 Jackson Avenue
  - Katheryn M. Bellfield Booker Washington Heights Cultural Arts Center, 2611 Grant Street
- **Friday, June 19**
  - Pinehurst Park, 2300 Pinehurst Road
  - Lorick Park, 1600 Lorick Avenue
- **Friday, June 26**
  - Pool Party hosted by Greenview, Martin Luther King, Jr. and St. Anna's parks at Maxcy Gregg Pool, 1655 Park Circle
- **Thursday, July 2**
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- **Friday, July 10**
  - Pinehurst Park, 2300 Pinehurst Road
  - Lorick Park, 1600 Lorick Avenue
- **Friday, July 17**
  - Greenview Park, 6700 David Street
  - Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, 2300 Greene Street

- **Friday, July 24**
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- **Friday, July 31**
  - Pinehurst Park, 2300 Pinehurst Road
  - Lorick Park, 1600 Lorick Avenue

Please note Prime Time in the Parks held at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park will end at 10 p.m.

For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 803-545-3100 or visit [www.columbiasc.net/parks-recreation](http://www.columbiasc.net/parks-recreation).

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

Contact: Community Development at 803-545-3373

**HOME Investment Partnership Program Meeting Agenda**

The City of Columbia Housing Division of Community Development is conducting a HOME Investment Partnership Program meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 2 p.m. The agenda is attached for your review.

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## **For Immediate Release**

June 6, 2015

Contact: Sara Hollar, Forestry and Beautification at 545-3860

### **SCE&G To Perform Tree Trimming Activities As Scheduled for 2015**

SCE&G will perform tree trimming activities, and re-conductor work along overhead utility lines in the following neighborhoods for the next two weeks:

#### **Distribution Line Tree Trimming:**

Arsenal Hill Neighborhood Organization  
 Elmwood Park Neighborhood Organization  
 Cottontown/Bellevue Historic District  
 Pinehurst Community Council  
 Midland Terrace Neighborhood  
 Jones McDonald Community Club  
 Druid Hills Neighborhood Association  
 Community Improvement Cooperative Council  
 Edgewood Neighborhood Floral Club  
 Celia Saxon Neighborhood Association  
 Eva P. Trezevant Neighborhood Organization  
 Forest Hills North  
 Rochelle Heights/Victory Gardens  
 Bradley Community Council  
 Godbold Place Homeowners

#### **Re-conductor Projects**

Shandon  
 Wales Garden  
 Bradley Community Council  
 Godbold Place Homeowners

Citizens with specific questions or concerns should contact Forestry and Beautification at 803-545-3860 or SCE&G at 1-800-251-7234 to meet and discuss in advance of the work being completed.

The trimming will be completed by SCE&G contractors and work will be closely monitored by the City's 4 Certified Arborists from the Forestry and Beautification Division.

The purpose of the trimming activities is to increase safety and reliability of the electric service. SCE&G reports an 89% improvement in reliability in vegetation related outages in areas where trimming is completed compared to a year ago. The trimming guidelines include removing vegetation within 8-12 feet below and beside the power lines and up to 20 feet above the power lines.

SCE&G and their contractors trim in accordance with International Society of Arboriculture guidelines, using ANSI A300 pruning methods leaving good cuts that will generate new growth.

SCE&G's re-conductor work includes pole replacements and new wire in select locations. The goal of re-conductor work is to improve reliability.

For more information about SCE&G's tree trimming efforts, including helpful tips and suggestions regarding the planting of trees and other vegetation, visit [www.sceg.com/treetrimming](http://www.sceg.com/treetrimming).

You can also contact SCE&G's 24 hour Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-800-251-7234 or email [SCEGContactUs@SCANA.com](mailto:SCEGContactUs@SCANA.com)

For continued updates from the city of Columbia follow us on Twitter [@cityofcolumbia](https://twitter.com/cityofcolumbia) or "like" the [City of Columbia](https://www.facebook.com/cityofcolumbia) on Facebook.

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### **Related Links:**

**[Tree Trimming Neighborhood Maps](#)**

**VIDEO:** [Tree Trimming: Safety, Reliability and Healthy Trees](#)



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### **Fall Sports Registration Open for Adult Softball and Adult Coed Kickball Leagues**

The City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department is accepting registrations for several fall adult sports leagues including Men's Softball, Coed Softball, and Coed Kickball.

Participants in the citywide leagues have the opportunity to play, practice good sportsmanship and expand their athletic skills.

The leagues are open to adults ages 18 and older.

#### **Men's Adult Softball**

**WHEN:** Tuesdays at T.S. Martin Park

**FEE:** \$300 per team

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** July 31, 2015

**SEASON BEGINS:** August 18, 2015

**INFO:** The season will include 10 officiated games and a tournament at the end of the season

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Friday, June 5, 2015

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### **Summer Movies Series Begins June 5<sup>th</sup>**

The City of Columbia's Summer Movies Series returns to Riverfront Park beginning Friday, June 5, 2015.

Movies will be held on Friday nights during June and July.

The following movies are free and open to the public:

- June 5: "The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water"
- June 12: "Penguins of Madagascar"
- June 19: "How to Train Your Dragon 2"
- June 26: "Mr. Peabody & Sherman"
- July 3: "Home"
- July 10: "The Book of Life"
- July 17: "Rio 2"
- July 24: "Ferngully: The Last Rainforest"
- July 31: "The Croods"

There will be face painting, games and more fun prior to the start of the film at 7 p.m. Face painting will be available for a nominal fee.

Attendees can bring blankets, lawn chairs and coolers. No glass containers and alcoholic beverages allowed.

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The Summer Concert Series will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. on the following dates:

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- June 20: The Palmetto Latin Orchestra
- June 27: The 246<sup>th</sup> Army Band (South Carolina Army National Guard)
- July 4: The Original Tams (Capital City Beach Party)
- July 18: Glenn Jones
- August 1: LTD
- August 15: Midnight Star

All concerts are free and open to the public.

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Contact: Zoning Division at 803-545-3333

**Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Agenda**

The Board of Zoning Appeals will conduct a meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 10 a.m. The agenda is attached.

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Monday, June 8, 2015

Contact: Angelo McBride at 803-545-3960

### **Surviving in a Changing Retail Market Seminar**

The City of Columbia's Office of Business Opportunities is hosting a seminar for retail owners on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street. The workshop is designed to prepare owners for the ongoing changes in the retail market.

With economic uncertainties and technological advances, the retail landscape is shaping faster than some retailers are able to adjust. The seminar will address issues including creating a strategy, local competition and locally-owned businesses versus franchises. Attendees will also hear from a group of experienced practitioners including:

- Dr. Mary-Ann Bickle, University of South Carolina
- Sarah Lewis, Flaire, Inc.
- Gwen Rawls, Gwen Rawls Italian Shoes
- J.P. Scurry, Colliers International
- Gwen Singletary, Urbanforce, Inc.

The cost to register is \$25. To register, click [here](#).

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Contact: Planning Division at 803-545-3222

**Design Development Review Commission Meeting Agenda**

The Design Development Review Commission will conduct a meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 4 p.m. The agenda is attached.

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Contact: Marli Drum at 803-776-PETS

**The City's Pet of the Week: Jai! (ID# A209025)**

Jai is an adorable one-year-old domestic short hair cat. He loves to be around people and gets along well with the other cats. Jai is confident, friendly and would make a great addition to any family! He is also neutered and microchipped.

Visit Jai and other pets available for adoption at the Columbia Animal Shelter, 127 Humane Lane. Visit [www.columbiasc.net/animal-services](http://www.columbiasc.net/animal-services) or call 803-776-PETS for more information.

All of our pets need loving homes! To view other animals available for adoption, visit [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com). Please refer to the ID number listed above when visiting the website.

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**WHERE:     EdVenture Children's Museum  
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**All applicants, inside and outside City limits, will be considered.**

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Participants in the citywide leagues have the opportunity to play, practice good sportsmanship and expand their athletic skills.

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The report, [City Financial Inclusion Efforts: A National Overview](#), outlines the work that Columbia, SC is doing to help families that are struggling with debt, foreclosure or other financial challenges. The report summarizes key findings that showcase the depth and breadth of local strategies to help residents become more financially secure.

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**Administrative Policy Committee Meeting Agenda**

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## **For Immediate Release**

June 12, 2015

Contact: Sara Hollar, Forestry and Beautification at 545-3860

### **SCE&G To Perform Tree Trimming Activities As Scheduled for 2015**

SCE&G will perform tree trimming activities, and re-conductor work along overhead utility lines in the following neighborhoods for the next two weeks:

#### **Distribution Line Tree Trimming:**

Arsenal Hill Neighborhood Organization  
 Elmwood Park Neighborhood Organization  
 Cottontown/Bellevue Historic District  
 Pinehurst Community Council  
 Midland Terrace Neighborhood  
 Druid Hills Neighborhood Association  
 Forest Hills North  
 Rochelle Heights/Victory Gardens  
 Bradley Community Council  
 Godbold Place Homeowners

#### **Re-conductor Projects**

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 Wales Garden  
 Bradley Community Council  
 Godbold Place Homeowners

Citizens with specific questions or concerns should contact Forestry and Beautification at 803-545-3860 or SCE&G at 1-800-251-7234 to meet and discuss in advance of the work being completed.

The trimming will be completed by SCE&G contractors and work will be closely monitored by the City's 4 Certified Arborists from the Forestry and Beautification Division.

The purpose of the trimming activities is to increase safety and reliability of the electric service. SCE&G reports an 89% improvement in reliability in vegetation related outages in areas where trimming is completed compared to a year ago. The trimming guidelines include removing vegetation within 8-12 feet below and beside the power lines and up to 20 feet above the power lines.

SCE&G and their contractors trim in accordance with International Society of Arboriculture guidelines, using ANSI A300 pruning methods leaving good cuts that will generate new growth.

SCE&G's re-conductor work includes pole replacements and new wire in select locations. The goal of re-conductor work is to improve reliability.

For more information about SCE&G's tree trimming efforts, including helpful tips and suggestions regarding the planting of trees and other vegetation, visit [www.sceg.com/treetrimming](http://www.sceg.com/treetrimming).

You can also contact SCE&G's 24 hour Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-800-251-7234 or email [SCEGContactUs@SCANA.com](mailto:SCEGContactUs@SCANA.com)

For continued updates from the city of Columbia follow us on Twitter [@cityofcolumbia](https://twitter.com/cityofcolumbia) or "like" the [City of Columbia](#) on Facebook.

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#### **Related Links:**

**[Tree Trimming Neighborhood Maps](#)**

**VIDEO:** [Tree Trimming: Safety, Reliability and Healthy Trees](#)

**For Immediate Release**

June 12, 2015

Contact: Lucinda Statler at 545-0229

**Design/Development Review Commission Sub-committee to Hold Review Meeting**

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This work session meeting will be held at the City of Columbia Planning offices at 1136 Washington Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, and is open to the public; no action will be taken.

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**Summer Movies Series at Riverfront Park**

The City of Columbia's Summer Movies Series continues **tonight** at Riverfront Park located at 312 Laurel Street.

Movies are held on Friday nights during June and July.

The following movies are free and open to the public:

- June 12: "Penguins of Madagascar"
- June 19: "How to Train Your Dragon 2"
- June 26: "Mr. Peabody & Sherman"
- July 3: "Home"
- July 10: "The Book of Life"
- July 17: "Rio 2"
- July 24: "Ferngully: The Last Rainforest"
- July 31: "The Croods"

There will be face painting, games and more fun prior to the start of the film at 7 p.m. Face painting will be available for a nominal fee.

Attendees can bring blankets, lawn chairs and coolers. No glass containers and alcoholic beverages allowed.

For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 803-545-3100.

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Friday, June 12, 2015

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### **Community Cat Spay/Neuter Blitz**

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"Pet over-population is a community problem, so as a community we need to come together to solve this problem." said Will Brennan, President – The Animal Mission.

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Contact: Office of Business Opportunities at 803-545-3950

**Commercial Revolving Loan Fund Committee Meeting Agenda**

The Commercial Revolving Loan Fund Committee will conduct a meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. The agenda is attached for your review.

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### **For Immediate Release**

June 15, 2015

Contact: Victoria Kramer at 545-3227 | [vlkramer@columbiasc.net](mailto:vlkramer@columbiasc.net)

### **City of Columbia Encourages Property Owners to Attend Flood Risk and Flood Map Open House**

*Columbia, SC* - Residents and businesses in the City of Columbia, especially those located in Richland County, are encouraged to attend an Open House on flood hazard risk and anticipated updates to the Richland County Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) on June 24th from 4-7PM at the Richland County Administration Building at 2020 Hampton Street. City floodplain staff will be on-hand to answer questions about the City's floodplain policies and assist City property owners in understanding the flood insurance process.

Flood Hazard Open House attendees can learn whether their property is currently in a floodplain, whether they are affected by the proposed FIRM update, about the National Flood Insurance Program, and any other questions about flood insurance and floodplain issues.

FIRMs, or flood hazard maps, identify properties located in flood-prone areas that may be at risk for flood damage during heavy storms. These maps also determine rates property owners pay for flood insurance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Flood Insurance Program. All property owners are encouraged to consider flood insurance no matter their risk as standard homeowner policies generally do not cover flood damage. Homeowners with federally-backed mortgages may be required to carry flood insurance if they are located in a flood-hazard area.

City of Columbia residents can find out more about the City's floodplain policy at [www.columbiasc.net/floodplain](http://www.columbiasc.net/floodplain). Details on the National Flood Insurance Program can be found at [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov). For questions about what these updates mean within the City of Columbia or generally about the City's floodplain program, please contact the City's Floodplain Coordinator, Ali Khan, at 545-3400 or [lakhan@columbiasc.net](mailto:lakhan@columbiasc.net).

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Monday, June 15, 2015

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### **The City's Pet of the Week: Ruby! (ID# A213080)**

Ruby is a five-month-old energetic Chow Chow mix. She is bright, playful and perfect for any size family! Ruby is also spayed and microchipped.

Visit Ruby and other pets available for adoption at the Columbia Animal Shelter, 127 Humane Lane. Visit [www.columbiasc.net/animal-services](http://www.columbiasc.net/animal-services) or call 803-776-PETS for more information.

All of our pets need loving homes! To view other animals available for adoption, visit [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com). Please refer to the ID number listed above when visiting the website.

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### **Fall Sports Registration Open for Adult Softball and Adult Coed Kickball Leagues**

The City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department is accepting registrations for several fall adult sports leagues including Men's Softball, Coed Softball, and Coed Kickball.

Participants in the citywide leagues have the opportunity to play, practice good sportsmanship and expand their athletic skills.

The leagues are open to adults ages 18 and older.

#### **Men's Adult Softball**

**WHEN:** Tuesdays at T.S. Martin Park

**FEE:** \$300 per team

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** July 31, 2015

**SEASON BEGINS:** August 18, 2015

**INFO:** The season will include 10 officiated games and a tournament at the end of the season

#### **Coed Adult Softball**

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#### **Coed Adult Kickball**

**WHEN:** Mondays (Non-competitive) and Wednesdays (Competitive)

**FEE:** \$300 per team

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** July 31, 2015

**SEASON BEGINS:** August 17, 2015

**INFO:** The season will include 10 officiated games. Balls will be provided.

To register, please visit the Parks and Recreation Department's Administration Office at

1111 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29203.

To download a registration form, visit the department's ["Adult Sports" page online.](#)

The registration form and payment can be mailed to Parks Administration. Make checks and money orders payable to the City of Columbia. Registrations will not be accepted without payment.

For more information, please call Parks & Recreation at 803-545-3100 or email [cetaylor@columbiasc.net](mailto:cetaylor@columbiasc.net).

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

June 15, 2015

Contact: Dee Dee Fanning at (803) 545-3048

### **Advertisement of Vacancies on the Citizen's Advisory Council**

The City of Columbia is accepting applications to fill seven (7) vacancies on the Citizen's Advisory Council for the Columbia Police Department.

This council will meet quarterly to review police actions and determinations of complaints received by the police department.

The term of office is one (1) year with the possibility of one (1) reappointment.

**All applicants, inside and outside City limits, will be considered.**

**Deadline – Applications are due no later than June 30, 2015, 5 p.m.**

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Contact: Erika Moore at 803-545-3043

**Updated City Council Meeting Agendas**

The Columbia City Council will conduct a work session at 1 p.m. and a council meeting at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 1737 Main Street on Tuesday, June 16, 2015. The updated agendas are attached for your review.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

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**Free Summer Concert Series Continues at Finlay Park**

The City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's free Summer Concert Series continues with The Palmetto Latin Orchestra in Finlay Park located at 930 Laurel Street.

The Summer Concert Series will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. on the following dates:

- June 20: The Palmetto Latin Orchestra
- June 27: The 246<sup>th</sup> Army Band (South Carolina Army National Guard)
- July 4: The Original Tams (Capital City Beach Party)
- July 18: Glen Jones
- August 1: LTD
- August 15: Midnight Star

All concerts are free and open to the public.

Attendees are welcome to bring blankets and lawn chairs. No pets allowed. Vendors will be available.

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### **City Takes Steps to Help Citizens Stay Cool During Heat Wave**

In response to the record breaking temperatures the City of Columbia will take steps to assist the community in keeping cool. Starting today the City of Columbia Fire Department along with Parks and Recreation will set up misting stations in the following locations. Effective tomorrow, these misting stations will be in operation from 12:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., when the heat index reaches 90 degrees or higher.

#### **Misting Stations:**

**Owens Field**, 1351 Jim Hamilton Blvd.

**Rosewood Park**, 901 South Holly St.

**Hyatt Park**, 950 Jackson Ave.

**Martin Luther King (MLK) Park**, 2300 Greene St (corner of Greene & Pendleton Streets)

**Finlay Park**, 930 Laurel St.

**Riverfront Park**, 312 Laurel St.

The City of Columbia also offers a number of other ways to stay cool this summer. The following is a list of Splash Pad and Pool locations that are open to the public:

**Splash Pad Locations** (Operates Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 4 p.m. - 7 p.m., through Labor Day, September 7, 2015):

**\*Mays Park**, 4100 Trenholm Rd.

**Sims Park**, 3500 Duncan St.

**Heathwood Park**, 800 Abelia Rd.

**Emily Douglas Park**, 2500 Wheat St.

**\*Roy Lynch Park**, Lincoln and Abbeville St.

**Pinehurst Park**, 2300 Pinehurst Rd. (Open Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.)

**Lorick Park**, 1600 Lorick Ave. (Open Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.)

**Edisto Discovery Park**, 1914 Wiley St.

**\*Pacific Park**, 200 Wayne St.

**St. Anna's Park**, 1315 Liberty Hill Ave.

**Hampton Park**, 117 Brandon Ave.

**Melrose Park**, 1500 Fairview Rd.

**Drew Park** - 2101 Walker Solomon Way (*Operates Monday – Saturday from 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.*)

**All splash pads are free of charge and closed on Sundays.**

***\*Please note that splash pads that are unmanned (Mays, Roy Lynch and Pacific) will be turned on/off upon request by calling 545-3100.***

### **Maxcy Gregg Pool**

1655 Park Circle

Open Monday through Thursday from 1 p.m. – 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Recreational Swimming** at Maxcy Gregg: \$3 youth (ages 12 & under), \$4 for adults (ages 13 & over)

**Season tickets:** \$80 (ages 12 & under), \$120 (ages 13 & over)

**Group passes:** \$75 (child), \$100 (adults)

### **Fan the Heat**

If you are working or playing outside take breaks and drink plenty of fluids. Also, remember to check on elderly neighbors in your neighborhood.

Chief Skip Holbrook and the City of Columbia Police Department kicked off the Fan the Heat program in May and since its inception has assisted more than 7,000 Columbia citizens.

The program is primarily designed for senior citizens, residents with medical concerns/disabilities and families with small children.

### **Eligibility requirements include:**

- Citizens must be 55 years-old or older
- Citizens must provide name, address, and telephone number (to ensure that the fan or air conditioner is delivered to the correct address)

### **Exception:**

- If person has respiratory problem or a major illness, he or she can bring in a doctor's statement regardless of age to receive assistance.

If a citizen needs assistance from the Fan the Heat program, they can call the Crime Prevention Unit at 545-3555; or CPD's Telephone Response Unit at 545-3500.

Anyone can be affected by the heat of the summer sun and the Columbia Fire Department encourages the citizens of the City of Columbia to follow the heat safety tips below:

### **Heat Safety Tips:**

- Supervise children – children rely on adults to tell them when to come inside, when to drink water, and what sort of clothing to wear. It doesn't take long for a child's small body to become overheated.
- Dress lightly and when sleeping use lightweight breathable covers.
- Drink plenty of water.
- People who live in homes with no air conditioning should keep blinds closed from morning until the late afternoon to block extra direct heat from sunlight. Also, stay on the lowest level of your home.
- If you see any of the exhaustion signs listed below get out of the heat immediately. Give the person plenty of cool fluids and wipe them down with cool cloths. If they don't improve rapidly call 911.
- Never ever leave a child or pet in the car while you run to do a quick errand!

### **The signs of heat exhaustion include:**

- Clammy skin
- Loss of color in skin
- Sweating
- A tired, overestimated look on someone's face
- Dry mouth
- Headache

### **The signs of major heat stroke:**

- High body temperatures – (over 103 degrees F)
- Confusion
- Poor breathing – if you can't hear a person breathing it can indicate a problem
- Seizures
- The person has stopped sweating
- Weak pulse
- Hot dry skin to the touch
- Fainting or total loss of consciousness

For more information concerning staying safe in the heat, visit the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control's website <http://www.scdhec.gov> and for information on heat warnings visit National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Weather Service's website, <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/heat/index.shtml>.

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**City of Columbia Recognized as 2015 Playful City USA Community**

The City of Columbia is being honored with a 2015 Playful City USA designation for the second time by KaBOOM!. In partnership with the Humana Foundation, KaBOOM! is honoring cities, towns and counties across the country for making their communities more playable.

"From supporting Let's Move! Columbia and the Congaree River Blue Trail to investing in youth sports and creating our Back-to-School Drills & Skills Clinic, we've worked very hard to help make ours a truly engaged, energetic and active community," said Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin. "This honor is further proof that the hard work is paying off and we couldn't be more proud."

The City of Columbia is among 241 cities and towns across the United States that received the 2015 Playful City USA designation. These communities are leaders in playability – the extent to which a city makes it easy for kids to get balanced and active play – and are making play part of the solution that can move the needle on countless urban challenges.

"The City of Columbia is honored to be named a Playful City USA Community for the second year in a row. The City is committed to providing recreational programs, events and services for our citizens that encourage all to be active and to play and grow together."

"We are proud to have our efforts recognized on a national level and encourage citizens to take advantage of the many opportunities in the City that are available in our parks and recreation facilities," City Manager Teresa Wilson said.

The City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains 60 city parks and green spaces, 600 acres of city-maintained park land, 55 tennis courts and

16 city pools, spray pads and ponds. All city parks are open year-round from dawn to dusk with no entrance fees.

The Parks and Recreation Department provides a variety of programming from athletics and cultural arts to health and wellness and special events.

To see the full list of the 241 communities named 2015 Playful City USA honorees, or for more information on the Playful City USA program, please visit [www.playfulcityusa.org](http://www.playfulcityusa.org).

For more information about the City of Columbia's parks, recreation centers and programs, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 803-545-3100.

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Thursday, June 18, 2015

Contact: Jonathan Sherer at (803) 255-8160

### **City of Columbia 2014 Water Quality Report**

The City of Columbia, SC has released the 2014 Water Quality Report.

This Report is provided to all City of Columbia water customers to comply with the Consumer Confidence Reports Rule of the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments. This Rule requires community water systems to disclose information about the quality and safety of their water to their customers each year.

All customers have been notified of the electronic report link on their water bill beginning June 2015. For customers who directly receive their water from the City of Columbia and would like to obtain a hard copy, please call the Customer Care Department at 545-3300. Customers can also visit [www.COLACCR.com](http://www.COLACCR.com) for a direct link to the digital copy of the report.

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### **City of Columbia Officials Issue Statements Regarding Charleston Shooting Incident**

#### **Citizens Urged to be Cautious During Manhunt for Suspect**

The City of Columbia is urging all citizens to be cautious and aware of their surroundings during the ongoing manhunt for the suspect in the Charleston shooting incident. Law enforcement officials are working together diligently to search for and apprehend the suspect. City of Columbia officials have issued statements regarding this current situation and all are urging caution and asking citizens to report any information to law enforcement officials. Those statements are included below:

#### **Statement from Mayor Steve Benjamin:**

"We understand that this is a quickly developing situation and we are confident that our law enforcement will continue to make as much information available as quickly as possible to keep everyone fully informed and engaged. We ask for every citizen's full cooperation as we work together in response to this tragedy."

#### **Statement from City Manager Teresa Wilson:**

"As a city family, we are deeply saddened by the tragic and senseless incident that occurred last night. Our hearts go out to the families of the victims and the citizens of Charleston, South Carolina. As a municipality, we are deeply impacted and we stand ready to assist our counterparts in Charleston in any way. We urge all citizens in Columbia to be cautious and aware of your surroundings. I personally have issued a directive to my executive management team to notify all City of Columbia staff to do the same until the suspect is apprehended."

#### **Statement from Police Chief William Holbrook:**

"The Columbia Police Department is assisting in this matter as requested. The Columbia Police Department is taking a vigilant posture throughout the city as this situation continues to develop."

**Note: Attached is the suspect's description and image as released by the Charleston Police Department.**

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, June 18, 2015

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Thursday, June 18, 2015

Contact: Ali Khan at (803) 545-3400

**Flood Risk and Flood Map Open House to be Held Next Week**

Next Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 PM, City of Columbia staff will be on hand to answer questions about the City's floodplain program at a Flood Hazard Open House at the Richland County Administration Building at 2020 Hampton Street. The Open House is designed to educate residents living within the borders of Richland County on the National Flood Insurance Program and updates to the Richland County Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

Flood Hazard Open House attendees can learn whether their property is currently in a floodplain, whether they are affected by the proposed FIRM update, about the National Flood Insurance Program, and any other questions about flood insurance and floodplain issues.

FIRMs, or flood hazard maps, identify properties located in flood-prone areas that may be at risk for flood damage during heavy storms. These maps also determine rates property owners pay for flood insurance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Flood Insurance Program. All property owners are encouraged to consider flood insurance no matter their risk as standard homeowner policies generally do not cover flood damage. Homeowners with federally-backed mortgages may be required to carry flood insurance if they are located in a flood-hazard area.

City of Columbia residents can find out more about the City's floodplain policy at [www.columbiasc.net/floodplain](http://www.columbiasc.net/floodplain). Details on the National Flood Insurance Program can be found at [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov). For questions about what these updates mean within the City of Columbia or generally about the City's floodplain program, please contact the City's Floodplain Coordinator, Ali Khan, at 545-3400 or [lakhan@columbiasc.net](mailto:lakhan@columbiasc.net).

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**City of Columbia Lowers Flags to Half-Staff to Honor the Memory of Charleston Shooting Victims**

City of Columbia flags will be lowered to half-staff at City buildings to honor the memory of those lost during the Charleston shooting incident on June 17, 2015. The lowering of the flags is also a show of Columbia's support for the City of Charleston during this difficult time. The flags will be lowered until further notice.

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**For Immediate Release**

Friday, June 19, 2015

Contact: Lucinda Statler at 545-0229

**Design/Development Review Commission Sub-committee to Hold Review Meeting**

There will be a sub-committee meeting of the Design/Development Review Commission on Wednesday, June 24, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the application for a Certificate of Design Approval for the proposed new construction at 817-825 Main Street. This item was heard by the Commission at the June 11th meeting and discussed at a sub-committee meeting on June 17th.

This meeting is a continuing work session, and will be held at the City of Columbia Planning offices at 1136 Washington Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. The meeting is open to the public, however public comments will not be heard until the DDRC hearing on July 9th. No action will be taken.

For additional information, please contact Lucinda Statler at 545-0229.

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Friday, June 19, 2015

Contact: Columbia Empowerment Zone, Inc. at (803) 255-8129

### **North Main Plaza Open House and Ribbon Cutting**

**WHAT:** The Columbia Empowerment Zone, Inc.'s Board of Directors is hosting an open house and ribbon cutting for Eau Claire Family Dentistry, Eau Claire Family Podiatry and Ella's Café.

**WHO:** Columbia Empowerment Zone, Inc.'s Board of Directors, Columbia City Council members, City Manager Teresa Wilson, City staff and North Main Plaza business owners.

**WHERE:** 3800 North Main Street, Columbia, SC 29203

**WHEN:** Friday, June 19, 2015 at 10 a.m.

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**WHERE:** Finlay Park, 930 Laurel Street

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**COST:** Admission to the Capital City Beach Party is **FREE**. There are fees for face painting, and food and craft vendors.

Attendees are welcome to bring blankets or towels and beach chairs. No pets allowed.

For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 803-545-3100 or email [kcmitchell@columbiasc.net](mailto:kcmitchell@columbiasc.net).

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## **For Immediate Release**

Friday, June 19, 2015

Contact: Sara Hollar, Forestry and Beautification at 545-3860

### **SCE&G To Perform Tree Trimming Activities As Scheduled for 2015**

SCE&G will perform tree trimming activities, and re-conductor work along overhead utility lines in the following neighborhoods for the next two weeks:

#### **Distribution Line Tree Trimming:**

Arsenal Hill Neighborhood Organization  
 Elmwood Park Neighborhood Organization  
 Cottontown/Bellevue Historic District  
 Pinehurst Community Council  
 Midland Terrace Neighborhood  
 Druid Hills Neighborhood Association  
 Forest Hills North  
 Rochelle Heights/Victory Gardens  
 Bradley Community Council  
 Godbold Place Homeowners

#### **Re-conductor Projects**

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 Wales Garden  
 Bradley Community Council  
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Citizens with specific questions or concerns should contact Forestry and Beautification at 803-545-3860 or SCE&G at 1-800-251-7234 to meet and discuss in advance of the work being completed.

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The purpose of the trimming activities is to increase safety and reliability of the electric service. SCE&G reports an 89% improvement in reliability in vegetation related

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SCE&G and their contractors trim in accordance with International Society of Arboriculture guidelines, using ANSI A300 pruning methods leaving good cuts that will generate new growth.

SCE&G's re-conductor work includes pole replacements and new wire in select locations. The goal of re-conductor work is to improve reliability.

For more information about SCE&G's tree trimming efforts, including helpful tips and suggestions regarding the planting of trees and other vegetation, visit [www.sceg.com/treetrimming](http://www.sceg.com/treetrimming).

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**City Council Committee Meeting Agenda**

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- Economic and Community Development Committee at 9 a.m.
- Arts and Historic Preservation Committee at 2 p.m.

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Saturday, June 20, 2015

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### **Free Summer Concert Series at Finlay Park**

The City of Columbia's free Summer Concert Series continues in Finlay Park located at 930 Laurel Street with The Palmetto Latin Orchestra on Saturday, June 20.

The Summer Concert Series will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. All concerts are free and open to the public.

Summer Concert Series dates:

- June 20: The Palmetto Latin Orchestra
- June 27: The 246<sup>th</sup> Army Band (South Carolina Army National Guard)
- July 4: The Original Tams (Capital City Beach Party)
- July 18: Glenn Jones
- August 1: LTD
- August 15: Midnight Star

Attendees are welcome to bring blankets and lawn chairs. No pets allowed. Vendors will be available.

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Monday, June 22, 2015

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### **Fall Sports Registration Open for Adult Softball and Adult Coed Kickball Leagues**

The City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department is accepting registrations for several fall adult sports leagues including Men's Softball, Coed Softball, and Coed Kickball.

Participants in the citywide leagues have the opportunity to play, practice good sportsmanship and expand their athletic skills.

The leagues are open to adults ages 18 and older.

#### **Men's Adult Softball**

**WHEN:** Tuesdays at T.S. Martin Park

**FEE:** \$300 per team

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** July 31, 2015

**SEASON BEGINS:** August 18, 2015

**INFO:** The season will include 10 officiated games and a tournament at the end of the season

#### **Coed Adult Softball**

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**SEASON BEGINS:** August 18, 2015

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#### **Coed Adult Kickball**

**WHEN:** Mondays (Non-competitive) and Wednesdays (Competitive)

**FEE:** \$300 per team

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** July 31, 2015

**SEASON BEGINS:** August 17, 2015

**INFO:** The season will include 10 officiated games. Balls will be provided.

To register, please visit the Parks and Recreation Department's Administration Office at 1111 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29203.

To download a registration form, visit the department's ["Adult Sports" page online.](#)

The registration form and payment can be mailed to Parks Administration. Make checks and money orders payable to the City of Columbia. Registrations will not be accepted without payment.

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Due to tree trimming activities being performed by SCE&G, the main entrance of Riverfront park will be closed between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., starting Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Visitors will still be able to enter the park through the north entrance.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 22, 2015

Contact: Michael Wukela, Office of the Mayor at 803-413-5052

## **Mayor Benjamin calls for Confederate Flag removal**

Columbia, SC – Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin sent the attached letter to South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley today calling on her and the South Carolina State Legislature to retire the Battle Flag of the Confederate States of America once and for all and remove it from the Statehouse grounds.

For information, contact Michael Wukela at [mcwukela@columbiasc.net](mailto:mcwukela@columbiasc.net) or 803-413-5052.

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Monday, June 22, 2015

Contact: Angelo McBride at 803-545-3960

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The cost to register is \$25. To register, click [here](#).

For more information about the Surviving in a Changing Retail Market Seminar or the Office of Business Opportunities, contact Angelo McBride at 803-545-3960 or [aamcbride@columbiasc.net](mailto:aamcbride@columbiasc.net).

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*"On behalf of the people of Columbia, we thank the Governor and everyone who took part in today’s announcement for their leadership. Now it’s up to all of us to call our state legislators and tell them it’s time to act."*

*Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin*

*Councilman Sam Davis (Mayor Pro Tem)*

*Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine*

*Councilwoman Leona Plough*

*Councilman Brian DeQuincey Newman*

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Contact: Erika D. Moore at 803-545-3043

**City Council Committee Meeting Cancellation**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

Contact: Marli Drum, Animal Services at (803) 776-7387 or (803) 429-5587

**City of Columbia Partnering with Wings of Rescue to Help Large Dogs Find New Homes**

**WHAT:** The Columbia Animal Shelter, in partnership with Charleston Animal Society and Charlie's Angels Animal Rescue, will fly dogs to Spokane, Washington to animal shelters in need of dogs for adoptions, courtesy of Wings of Rescue.

This is a great opportunity to help large dogs here in the southeast to find loving homes. Wings of Rescue are volunteer pilots who give their time and talent to help save shelter dogs' lives by flying them where they can have a better chance of finding new homes. "We are thrilled to be a part of this effort. We have plenty of wonderful dogs here, many who have been here for months and we are so happy they are getting this opportunity," said Marli Drum, Superintendent of Columbia Animal Services.

**WHO:** City of Columbia Animal Services, Charleston Animal Society, Charlie's Angels Animal Rescue, and Wings of Rescue.

**WHERE:** 127 Humane Lane

Columbia, SC 29209

**WHEN:** Wednesday, June 24, 2015

8:30 a.m.

For more information, please call City of Columbia Animal Services at 776-7387 or my cell phone 429-5587.

**Media Note: Donations are still being accepted for medium, large, and extra-large sized crates to allow for transportation of the dogs.**

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**One of South Carolina's Largest Dog Rescue Airlifts**

*40 Dogs will Be Flown from Lowcountry Shelters to New Homes in the Northwest*

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More than 12,700 high-risk shelter pets and counting!

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Contact: Marli Drum at 803-776-PETS

**Celebrate Independence Day with a New Pet**

**WHAT:** In honor of the Fourth of July, Columbia Animal Shelter is teaming up with Richland and Lexington Counties to offer pet adoptions for \$17.76 on July 4-7. All adoption fees include spay/neuter, microchip, Feline Leukemia/Heartworm Test, initial vaccines and deworming.

**WHERE:** Columbia Animal Services, 127 Humane Lane, Columbia, SC and Lexington Animal Services, 321 Ball Park Rd, Lexington, SC

**WHEN:** July 4-7 *\*Lexington Animal Services will be closed on July 4 and Columbia Animal Services will be closed on July 5.*

**COST:** \$17.76

For more information about Columbia Animal Services' adoption specials, please contact Marli Drum at 803-776-7387.

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**Council Committee Meeting Agenda**

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Contact: Shireese M. Bell at 803-760-9125 or [smbell@columbiasc.net](mailto:smbell@columbiasc.net)

### **Prime Time in the Parks Provides Recreational Activities for Teens**

Prime Time in the Parks, a late-night teen program that provides a fun and safe environment for Columbia's youth, begins Friday, June 12, the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department announced.

The program is free to youth ages 13-18 years old. Prime Time in the Parks features games, sports, music, refreshments and more!

Events are held on the following dates from 8-11 p.m.:

- **Friday, June 26**
  - Pool Party hosted by Greenview, Martin Luther King, Jr. and St. Anna's parks at Maxcy Gregg Pool, 1655 Park Circle
- **Thursday, July 2**
  - Hyatt Park, 950 Jackson Avenue
  - Katheryn M. Bellfield Booker Washington Heights Cultural Arts Center, 2611 Grant Street
- **Friday, July 10**
  - Pinehurst Park, 2300 Pinehurst Road
  - Lorick Park, 1600 Lorick Avenue
- **Friday, July 17**
  - Greenview Park, 6700 David Street
  - Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, 2300 Greene Street
- **Friday, July 24**
  - Pool Party hosted by Greenview, Martin Luther King, Jr. and St. Anna's parks at Maxcy Gregg Pool, 1655 Park Circle
- **Friday, July 31**
  - Pinehurst Park, 2300 Pinehurst Road
  - Lorick Park, 1600 Lorick Avenue

Please note Prime Time in the Parks held at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park will end at 10 p.m.

For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 803-545-3100 or visit <http://www.columbiasc.net/parks-recreation/programs/youth>.

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**City of Columbia Summer Movies Series**

The City of Columbia's Summer Movies Series will be held on Friday nights during June and July at Riverfront Park located at 312 Laurel Street.

The following movies are free and open to the public:

- June 26: Mr. Peabody & Sherman
- July 3: Home
- July 10: The Book of Life
- July 17: Rio 2
- July 24: Ferngully: The Last Rainforest
- July 31: The Croods

There will be face painting, games and more fun prior to the start of the film at 7 p.m. Face painting will be available for a nominal fee.

Attendees can bring blankets, lawn chairs and coolers. No glass containers and alcoholic beverages allowed.

For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 803-545-3100.

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# Press Release

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Saturday, June 27, 2015

Contact: Shireese M. Bell at 803-760-9125 or [smbell@columbiasc.net](mailto:smbell@columbiasc.net)

### **Free Summer Concert Series at Finlay Park**

The City of Columbia's free Summer Concert Series continues in Finlay Park located at 930 Laurel Street with The 246<sup>th</sup> Army Band (South Carolina Army National Guard) on Saturday, June 27.

The Summer Concert Series will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. All concerts are free and open to the public.

Summer Concert Series dates:

- June 27: The 246<sup>th</sup> Army Band (South Carolina Army National Guard)
- July 4: The Original Tams (Capital City Beach Party)
- July 18: Glenn Jones
- August 1: LTD
- August 15: Midnight Star

Attendees are welcome to bring blankets and lawn chairs. No pets allowed. Vendors will be available.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Monday, June 29, 2015

Contact: Marli Drum at 803-776-PETS

**The City's Pet of the Week: Lexi! (ID# A215869)**

Lexi is a five-month-old rambunctious Catahoula Bulldog/Siberian Husky mix. She loves to play and exercise as long as she has a cool place to rest afterwards. Lexi is also spayed, microchipped and ready to take home today!

In honor of the Fourth of July, Columbia Animal Shelter is teaming up with Richland and Lexington Counties to offer pet adoptions for \$17.76 on July 4-7.

Visit Julie and other pets available for adoption at the Columbia Animal Shelter, 127 Humane Lane. Visit [www.columbiasc.net/animal-services](http://www.columbiasc.net/animal-services) or call 803-776-PETS for more information.

All of our pets need loving homes! To view other animals available for adoption, visit [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com). Please refer to the ID number listed above when visiting the website.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Monday, June 29, 2015

Contact: Public Relations, Marketing & Media at 545-3020

**City of Columbia Water and Sewer Rate Changes**

On Tuesday, June 16, 2015, [City Council](#) approved water and sewer rate increases that will take effect on July 1, 2015. To help better understand how the rate increases might affect their bill, customers are encouraged to use the City of Columbia Residential Water/Sewer Bill Estimator located at [www.columbiasc.net](http://www.columbiasc.net). This bill estimator shows a comparison of the Current Rates and the Approved Rates effective July 1, 2015.

This estimator shows what a typical residential customer bill might look like based on meter readings that you provide. It is designed for up to 100 units or 10,000 Ft<sup>3</sup> of use in a month on a 3/4" or 5/8" meter. Rates for over 100 units or 10,000 Ft<sup>3</sup> of use or for additional meter sizes can be found online at [Water & Sewer Rates](#). For questions about your particular bill, contact the City of Columbia's Customer Care Center at (803) 545-3300.

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*\*Please see the attached water and sewer rate frequently asked questions document.*



## **For Immediate Release**

Monday, June 29, 2015

Contact: Sara Hollar, Forestry and Beautification at 545-3860

### **SCE&G To Perform Tree Trimming Activities As Scheduled for 2015**

SCE&G will perform tree trimming activities, and re-conductor work along overhead utility lines in the following neighborhoods for the next two weeks:

#### **Distribution Line Tree Trimming:**

Arsenal Hill Neighborhood Organization  
 Elmwood Park Neighborhood Organization  
 Cottontown/Bellevue Historic District  
 Pinehurst Community Council  
 Midland Terrace Neighborhood  
 Druid Hills Neighborhood Association  
 Forest Hills North  
 Rochelle Heights/Victory Gardens  
 Bradley Community Council  
 Godbold Place Homeowners

#### **Re-conductor Projects**

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 Wales Garden  
 Bradley Community Council  
 Godbold Place Homeowners  
 Citizens with specific questions or concerns should contact Forestry and Beautification at 803-545-3860 or SCE&G at 1-800-251-7234 to meet and discuss in advance of the work being completed.

The trimming will be completed by SCE&G contractors and work will be closely monitored by the City's 4 Certified Arborists from the Forestry and Beautification Division.

The purpose of the trimming activities is to increase safety and reliability of the electric service. SCE&G reports an 89% improvement in reliability in vegetation related outages in areas where trimming is completed compared to a year ago. The trimming

guidelines include removing vegetation within 8-12 feet below and beside the power lines and up to 20 feet above the power lines.

SCE&G and their contractors trim in accordance with International Society of Arboriculture guidelines, using ANSI A300 pruning methods leaving good cuts that will generate new growth.

SCE&G's re-conductor work includes pole replacements and new wire in select locations. The goal of re-conductor work is to improve reliability.

For more information about SCE&G's tree trimming efforts, including helpful tips and suggestions regarding the planting of trees and other vegetation, visit [www.sceg.com/treetrimming](http://www.sceg.com/treetrimming).

You can also contact SCE&G's 24 hour Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-800-251-7234 or email [SCEGContactUs@SCANA.com](mailto:SCEGContactUs@SCANA.com)

For continued updates from the city of Columbia follow us on Twitter [@cityofcolumbia](https://twitter.com/cityofcolumbia) or "like" the [City of Columbia](#) on Facebook.

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**Related Links:**

**[Tree Trimming Neighborhood Maps](#)**

**VIDEO:** [Tree Trimming: Safety, Reliability and Healthy Trees](#)



**For Immediate Release**

Monday, June 29, 2015

**City of Columbia to Host Capital City Beach Party**  
***Fireworks Show Begins at 10 p.m.***

Bring the family out for a day of beach fun at the Capital City Beach Party on Saturday, July 4 at Finlay Park.

The Capital City Beach Party will feature a sand volleyball exhibition, beach games, a limbo contest, karaoke, **music from the Original Tams**, **fireworks** and more!

**WHAT:** Capital City Beach Party

**WHERE:** Finlay Park, 930 Laurel Street

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 4 from 2 to 10 p.m. **(The Original Tams are scheduled to perform at 8 p.m. The fireworks show begins at 10 p.m.)**

**COST:** Admission to the Capital City Beach Party is **FREE**. There are fees for face painting and food and/or craft vendors.

Attendees are welcome to bring blankets or towels and beach chairs. No pets allowed.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Tuesday, June 30, 2015

Contact: Angelo McBride at 803-545-3960

**Small Business Compliance and Legal Issues Workshop**

The City's Office of Business Opportunities is hosting a legal workshop for small businesses on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Nexsen Pruet, LLC, 1230 Main Street, Suite 700. Small business owners will have the opportunity to learn about tax structure, contracts and liability issues.

It is critical for small business owners to know the laws they must comply with to operate a successful and sustainable business. The Small Business Legal Issues workshop will give attendees the tools to take of their investment.

The cost of the workshop is \$15 and seats are limited. To register, click [here](#).

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Tuesday, June 30, 2015

Contact: Erika D. Moore at 803-545-3043

**City Council Committee Meeting Cancellation**

The Columbia City Council Arts and Historic Preservation Committee meeting scheduled today at 2 p.m. has been cancelled.

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